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## PETITION TO RESET PERIOD TO REPLY DUE TO LATE RECEIPT OF OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2001, the Applicants, through undersigned counsel, respectfully petition under MPEP §710.06 to restart the previously set period to reply to run from the date on which the Notice was received at the Applicants' representative's correspondence address, namely, January 15, 2002.

A copy of the cover page of the Office Action is attached hereto. As can be seen, the cover page shows a mailing date of December 12, 2001. However, the cover page also shows a date stamp identifying the receipt date as January 15, 2002. Further, the cover page shows the correct correspondence address; thus, the late receipt was not caused by any failure on the part of the Applicants' representative to provide a correct address.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the requirements under MPEP §710.06 for such a **PECEIVED**Petition are met.

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TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800 SPECIAL PROGRAM CENTER (A) The Petition is filed within two weeks of the date of receipt of the Notice at the

correspondence address.

(B) A substantial portion – namely, more than a month – of the set period for reply had

elapsed on the date of receipt.

(C) The Petition includes evidence showing the date of receipt at the correspondence

address, in the form of a copy of the cover page of the Office Action with the firm's date stamp

thereon. The undersigned hereby states that the Office Action was received at the

correspondence address on January 15, 2002. The undersigned further states that the evidence

establishes that date because all correspondence from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

received by the firm at the correspondence address is date-stamped on the date on which it is

received.

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicants respectfully petition for resetting of the

time period for response to run from January 15, 2002. Notice of such resetting is earnestly

solicited.

The Applicants respectfully submit that no fee is required for the instant petition.

However, the Office is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, or to credit any overpayment

thereof, to Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185

(000687.00138).

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